'At Least 4 Fired Shots At Kennedy'

Newtonville, Mass. (AP) — Computer specialist Richard E. Sprague says he had evidence that at least four gunmen were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and that at least 50 persons were conspirators in the shooting.

None of the gunmen was Lee Harvey Oswald, he reported in a 32-page article in the May issue of Computers and Automation magazine.

Sprague, president of a computer research firm in Hartsdale, N.Y., said his findings were based on computer analysis of 500 still photographs taken at the time of the assassination and partial analysis of 25,000 frames contained in movie sequences.

6 Shots

Sprague said each photograph was coded to describe the actions of every person pictured and the information was fed into a computer.

Evidence that emerged through use of cross-references disproved conclusively the findings by the Warren Commission that Oswald was the sole assassin, Sprague said.

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One shot missed entirely, Sprague said, one hit Texas Gov. John B. Connally Jr. and four hit Kennedy, two of those in the head, one in the back and one in the throat.

Two of the shots were fired from the School Book Depository building where the Warren Commission placed Oswald, Sprague said, although the researcher contends that Oswald was not there at the time.

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Sprague said two other shots came from the Dal-Tex building, further to the rear of the motorcade, and one came from the front, near a five-foot stockade fence. He said the sixth, and fatal, shot was fired from a grassy knoll slightly ahead of Kennedy's car.

Sprague said the photographs and other evidence obtained by researchers indicate that among observers of the assassination there was one man who may have acted as a visual coordinator for the gunmen and another who acted as a liaison through use of a short-wave radio.

"In fact, about six persons who participated in the conspiracy have admitted their participation and described what happened in their own involvement," Sprague said.

Sprague called for establishment of a congressional committee to look into political assassinations and said his information would be available for study.

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